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Title:	SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR THE DETECTION AND REMOVAL OF VIRUSES IN MACROS

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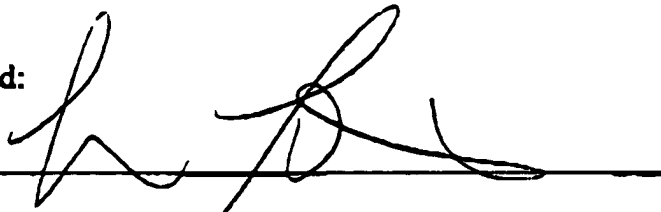
The undersigned hereby declares as follows:

1.   I am a patent attorney. I prepared and filed the above identified U.S. Patent Application which was assigned Serial No. 08/724,949.

2.   On August 2, 1996, Mr. Robert ("Bob") Lowe, then a vice president of Trend Micro Devices, Inc., which is an affiliate of the owner of this Application, faxed to my law firm Fenwick & West ("Fenwick") to Greg Sueoka, a partner at Fenwick & West, a disclosure directed to the present invention (copy attached). This disclosure specifically includes the instruction identifiers listed, for instance in Figure 9 of the present Application, and a description of using same to identify macro viruses. Hence this disclosure shows conception of the present invention.

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3.   I thereupon proceeded to prepare a patent application on this invention. On August 19, 1996, (see attached copy of letter of that date) I sent a draft patent application to Mr. Lowe and the first named inventor for review. After revisions, I sent a final version of this patent application to them on September 30, 1996, (see attached copy of letter of that date) and I then filed the patent application on October 2, 1996.

4.   During the period of August 2, 1996, to the filing date, I worked on this application in accordance with my backlog of other (non-related) cases which I took up in chronological order.

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